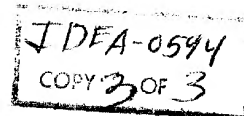


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1 December 1961

SUBJECT: Monthly Commander's Report

TO: Chief, DPD

A. General

1. The highlight of this months activity was the inspection visit paid to this unit by the [] on 9 November. While on the station he observed a perfectly executed takeoff and landing performed by [] in the []. During this inspection tour [] also personally greeted the [] local staff and spent approximately thirty minutes touring the various shops within our installation. Needless to say everything was in inspection shape and I believe that his visit provided a good boost morale wise for the []. The [] were especially pleased at the opportunity to demonstrate the performance of the [] by their crewmember.

2. The key social event of the month was the joint banquet held on 14 November. This banquet which was held at our hostel area was promoted by [] and as a result, several of their key people attended. A listing of the personnel in attendance other than our detachment types follows:

Guest List

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3. I assumed command of this detachment on 15 November after a very comprehensive briefing and local orientation provided by []. The unit has been flying steadily during the month and I believe that the [] proficiency has reached its highest peak to date. I have been very favorably impressed by the proficiency displayed by the [] and the organization of the training program in general. The training program appears to be very solid even to the extent of a fine physical fitness program. I am convinced that the [] are operationally ready and capable of performing any assigned mission.

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25X1A 4. Constant improvements to both [] and our living areas have
25X1A been made and both areas are completely livable. I believe the morale
of both forces to be excellent. During this past week we have moved the
families of [] from outside the immediate vicinity
25X1A into the new housing area recently made available to them. This has
eliminated any commuting problems, established much better control and
improved their morale appreciably. For the month of December we plan numerous
short sorties prior to the [] P.E. in order to gain maximum proficiency
prior to the standdown period.

25X1A B. Administration

25X1A 3. Outstanding requests unanswered:

a. Request for representation allowance for Chief of Base
submitted under []-0193, 16 August 1961.

25X1A 4. Total expenditures for November 1961 were [] Break
down inclosed in attachment 1.

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C. Operations

25X1A 1. During the month, eighteen training sorties were scheduled, of which fifteen were successfully completed. Two were cancelled due to weather and one was cancelled due to a tour of the installation by [] on 9 November. One early return occurred as a result of sump overflow light on and visual sighting of fuel venting. One late take off occurred due to detection of oxygen leak in exhalation valve after pilot was strapped in the cockpit. Leak was not detected on console check.

25X1A 2. A total of 57:50 hours were flown in the [], and 60:35 hours in the T-33. One demonstration flight of 15 minutes duration was flown 9 November for []. A detailed breakdown of training accomplished during the period is portrayed by the attached chart. (See Attachment 2)

25X1A 3. Two new training missions were developed and added to the library making a total of 32 training missions on file. Two periods of Flying Safety and Ground Training were conducted including a general briefing on survival and demonstration of equipment.

25X1A 4. The [] was flown 5 times and [] twice. Two long range missions were scheduled, one of which was successfully completed -- the other was an early return. CPX's were conducted on both missions for Flight Planners and the Photo Interpreter.

25X1A 5. The [] are considered both proficient and combat ready for assigned missions, with the exception that the lack of large land areas in our training area results in limited Flight Line and Driftsight practice. The altitude restriction of 40,000 feet over the [] [] due to Chicom radar cover, winds in excess of 100 knots at 40,000 feet, and the persistent cloud cover over most of the Island preclude frequent use of the Island.

25X1A 6. The one deficiency which I am concerned with was their reluctance to accept or attempt inflight feeding procedures. This problem is mainly psychological due to the lack of confidence in the capability of the equipment to function properly. Also their determination to pay strict attention to their work has a bearing on the problem. This meant that on certain longer flights they would be without water or food for periods up to twelve hours which brought about a weakened condition. I have taken action to correct this and establish their confidence in the procedure.

D. Materiel

All Materiel problems encountered during this period were within local capability to resolve. Conversion to new FAK listings and cards

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was completed this month without affecting support capability. Need continues to exist for an additional air conditioner in the Flight Plans Office. A previous request to Headquarters for an additional air conditioner was denied. The number of personnel and the frequency of briefings, meetings and conferences held in that office justifies this unit.

E. Maintenance

1. The following [] discrepancies occurred during the month:

a. The sump tank overflow light came on during two flights. As a corrective action the tanks were flushed again.

b. The flap light indicator for Gust malfunction came on during two flights. A new switch was installed eliminating this problem.

c. Elevator trim tab run-away due to burnt out resistor in trim box.

d. Fuel pressure fluctuation from 14 to 25 pounds. The flow regulator was replaced.

e. Flap operation malfunction prior to landing. The hydraulic system was low on oil due to a split hose line to the speed brakes.

f. The trim tab follow up unit failed in flight and was replaced.

2. On 14 December [] will be due for PE Inspection with an ETIC of 28 December. During this period the following S/B's will be accomplished; 531, 536, 557, 584 and 586.

F. Security

1. On 5 November the Director of Security was in the area and held a conference with the [] Security Staff. This meeting was held in []

2. On 9 November [] visited the hangar area. He was accompanied by his staff and personal bodyguards. Pictures were taken of [] inside the hangar area. The pictures were taken by [] and the negatives turned over to Security. Photographers who accompanied [] were not permitted inside the hangar. The names of the individuals who entered the hangar were supplied to Headquarters via []

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3. On 11 November the [] presented [] with a commendation and a set of [] wings. A select group of project cleared individuals attended this presentation which was held in a conference room at [] Headquarters.

4. Pictures were taken during the anniversary banquet mentioned in my opening paragraph. Distribution of these photographs is controlled and no compromising prints of this affair will be distributed.

G. Personal Equipment

Inflight feeding familiarization training became effective 29 November. The [] were instructed in inflight feeding procedures, a demonstration was given and safety hazards and precautions thoroughly discussed. Each [] sampled the various foods in an effort to determine their preferences for re-order purposes.

H. Installations

The following Station improvements and routine preventative maintenance was accomplished during the month:

a. Hostel area improvements mainly consisted of the construction of a very fine fireplace in the mess-bar area. The cost of \$350 was provided for by profits from the local bar fund. This will help improve the atmosphere during the approaching cold weather period. Also in the living area we initiated a preventative maintenance program on the 26 window type air conditioning units. Labor is being provided by an outside contractor at a cost of \$5 per unit. This program will be completed in December.

b. Hangar area improvements consisted of a wind velocity and direction indicating unit installed in the [] office for use of the [] Weather Officer. This indicator is a remote unit operating off of the existing installation in our Operations Office. The installation of a 50' telephone pole and two 225' long wire antennas to the hangar has been completed. This installation is for emergency back up communications.

5 Inclosures

1. Breakdown of November expenses, 1 copy, h/w
2. Breakdown of [] flying time, 1 copy, h/w
3. 9 November photo of [] visit, 1 copy, u/s/c
4. 14 November photo of anniversary banquet, 1 copy, u/s/c
5. Identities, in trip, u/s/c

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